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SUBJECT: GVN DESIRE TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN CARACAS

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1. POL COUNSELOR CAREFULLY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH FONMINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY ON MARCH 5, EMPHASIZING NEED FOR RAPID RESPONSE, IF POSSIBLE, DUE IMMINENCE OF BAC'S TRAVEL. PEREZ CHIRIBOGA SAID THAT GVN HAD EARLIER MADE TENTATIVE INQUIRIES OF GOV ABOUT ESTABLISHING AN EMBASSY IN CARACAS THROUGH GVN EMBASSY IN BRASILIA, BUT THAT GOV HAD NOT BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC WITH THIS SUGGESTION (CALDERA ADMINISTRATION FEARED GVN EMBASSY HERE COULD BECOME FOCAL POINT FOR STUDENT DISTURBANCES) AND HAD GIVEN GVN LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT. PEREZ CHIRIBOGA PROMISED FAITHFULLY TO CONSULT WITH FOREIGN POLICY-MAKERS IN INCOMING ADMINISTRATION AND ADVISE POL COUNSELOR MORNING MARCH 6.

2. PEREZ CHIRIBOGA DID NOT DO SO, AND REPEATED EFFORTS TO REACH HIM HAVE FAILED. WITH INAUGURATION OF NEW PRESIDENT TAKING PLACE MARCH 12, SUBSTANTIVE OFFICES IN VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE VIRTUALLY CEASED TO FUNCTION AS SENIOR OFFICIALS ARE BUSY CLEANING
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OUT THEIR DESKS.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE NEW VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO FOCUS IN NEXT FEW DAYS ON QUESTION OF GVN DESIRE TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN CARACAS. FURTHER, WE SUSPECT THAT EVEN IF IT DID, REACTION WOULD NOT BE POSITIVE, AS IT IS UNLIKELY THAT FIRST COUNTRY WITH WHICH NEW VENEZUELAN ADMINISTRATION WOULD WANT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. WHILE WE ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT OUTCOME OF BAC VISIT TO CARACAS FOLLOWING BRAZILIAN INAUGURATION, WE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE HIM OUR FULL SUPPORT, AND SHALL AS OPPORTUNITY OFFERS SUGGEST ADVANTAGES OF AN EVENTUAL AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH VIET NAM.

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